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RE: Application No.: 10/611,611 - Filing Date: July 1, 2003
Applicant(s): Noel F. Dehne et al.
Group Art Unit: 3651
Examiner: Mark A. Deuble
Title: Workpiece Transport System With Independently Driven Platforms
Attorney Docket: 70520-2046
Reply To Office Action Dated September 14, 2005

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- 2) Fee Transmittal For FY 2005 (1 page); and
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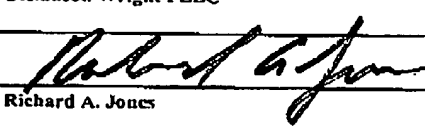
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		Examiner Name	Mark A. Deuble
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	\$50.00 = \$0.00
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.		
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)
- 3 or HP =	x	\$200.00 = \$0.00
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.		


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2005, for which the one-month shortened statutory period for response expires on October 14, 2005. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions, Invention I (Claims 1-11 - drawn to a manufacturing operation), Invention II (Claims 12-17 - drawn to a platform for transporting workpieces), and Invention III (Claims 18-21 - drawn to a method of moving platforms through a manufacturing operation). Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Invention I (Claims 1-11) and request withdrawal of Invention II and Invention III claims from consideration with the understanding that Applicants may pursue the withdrawn claims in a subsequent continuation or divisional application.

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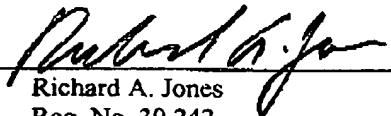
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Favorable consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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